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Group Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Ms. Elizabeth F. McElwain

In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicant(s): DUHOT et al. Appln. No.: 09/542,546 **NOTICE OF** Filed : April 3, 2000 **APPEAL** Conf. No. : 4816 METHOD FOR PRODUCING 26694 For BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS USING PATENT TRADEMARK **OFFICE GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS** Atty. Dkt. : 31640-159397 January 16, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences from the decision of July 18, 2003 of the Primary Examiner, Ms. Elizabeth F. McElwain, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 17-21, 23, 30 and 31-34. Accompanying this Notice of Appeal is the appeal fee of \$330.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a three-month extension of time. A third extension fee is now due and a check in the amount of \$1,280 (Appeal fee \$330 and Extension of time fee \$950), is attached.

Should no check be attached or should any additional fee be deemed due, please 01/20/2004 CNGUYEN 00000079 09542546

01 FC:1401 02 FC:1253 330.00 OP 950.00 OP charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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